(d) 2nd entry has been commissioned with sufficient vehicle parking, booking office, etc. at Bangalore City station.

(e) This is a continuous process and it is being undertaken based on need and relative priorities of various works.

New train from Bangalore to New Delhi

3225. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether two trains are running daily from the Southern States of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Tamil Nadu, to the Capital;

(b) whether there is any proposal to start a second train from Bangalore to New Delhi; and

(c) if so, by when it would be taken up and what is the current demand position of KK Express?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) At present, six pairs of daily express trains from Andhra Pradesh, two pairs of daily express trains from Kerala and three pairs of daily express trains from Tamil Nadu to Delhi area are available.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal at present to start a second train from Bangalore to New Delhi. As regards the demand, the position on train varies not only from day to day but also from time to time within the same date.

Length of rail tracks in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh

†3226. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of the rail tracks, in kms., extended in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) the total expenditure incurred on extension of rail tracks during the said period; and

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(c) the length of rail tracks, in kms. where electric engines and diesel engines are being run, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) During Ninth Plan, 282 kms. of gauge conversion and 243 kms. doubling have been completed in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

(b) An expenditure of over Rs. 9,000 crore has been incurred under Plan Heads 'New Lines', 'Gauge Conversion' and 'Doubling' during Ninth Plan on all the Railways.

(c) As on 1.4.2001, 14855.65 route kms. of lines had electrification out of total 3,028.41 route kms. While non-electrified routes are run by diesel engines, the electrified routes are run by diesel/electric engines as per requirement.

Threats by terrorists to NDLS

†3227. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the persisting threats from terrorists, being received in the reservation counter of the Northern Railway, situated at New Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of persons who come there everyday to get their tickets reserved;

(c) whether the aforesaid office has been given the status of heritage; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government, so far, to provide security to the said building?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) About 9,800 reservation slips are handled everyday.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. However, in view of threats, security arrangements have been made at the Reservation Centre at the New Delhi Railway Station in coordination with Delhi Police Authorities. RPF staff is also deployed there. The anti-sabotage checks are conducted by Delhi Police.

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